(iv) All inputs required for implementing the project tied up.

(II) Entity related funding—Following parameters are adopted by PFC for entity related funding:—

State Electricity Boards (SEBs)		Independent Power Producers (IPPs)	
(0	Exposure limit availability worked out based on Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR); Rate of Return (ROR); Assets Base & security offered and are modified every quarter.	(0	Networth.
		(ii)	Debt/Equity Ratio.
		(iii)	Return on networth.
		(iv)	Track record of promoters with Financial Institutions (FIs)/Banks.
		(v)	Cash flow.
		(vi)	Capacity to bring in equity.
(ii)	Minimum Rate of Return on net fixed assets.	(vii)	Performance of associate firms.
		(viii)	Ability to raise debts.
(iii)	Non default position to PFC.	(ix)	No default to FIs/Banks.

(b) An amount of Rs. 21783 crores has been released by PFC to State/Central/Private Sectors upto 26.2.2002.

(c) and (d) PFC had mooted a concept of India Power Fund (IPF) for mobilizing the Rs. 5000—10000 crores every year during 10th and 11th Plan in a combination of debt and equity to meet the requirement of Power Sector in the country.

Effect of new tariff order of CERC

1129. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that with the implementation of new tariff order of Central Electricity Regulatory

Commission (CERC), investment from the States, Sector in power would be seriously affected and will have its impact on NTPC's realization from SEBs;

(b) whether Government arc also aware that SEBs would be losing Rs. 2,300 crore annually after the implementation of CERC orders whereas NTPC is expected to bear a loss of about Rs. 2000 crore a year; and

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Government of India constituted the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1989. The functions of CERC *inter alia* include regulation of tariff of generating companies owned or controlled by the Central Government and promotion of completion, efficiency and economy in the activities of the electricity industry. The Central Commission while determining the terms and conditions for fixation of tariff is guided by the principle *inter alia* that generating companies may earn an adequate return and at the same time they do not exploit their dominant position in generation, sale of electricity.

The Central Government deleted the provisions of Section 43A(2) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 with effect from 15th May, 1999 in exercise of powers under Section 51 of the ERC Act, 1998. The Government of India had informed CERC in June 1999 that while regulating tariff they would be free to depart from the norms fixed *vide* the 1992 tariff notification.

CERC issued orders on 4.1.2000, 15.12.2000, 21.12.2000 on Availability Based Tariff (ABT) and Tariff PrincipIcs/Norms. In addition to being a performance based tariff for the supply of power by Central generating stations, the ABT is aimed at incentivising maintenance of grid discipline. By these orders CERC revised the norms fixed by the Central Government in the tariff notification of 1992. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has estimated a reduction in revenue to the tunc of Rs. 981 crore in the current financial year due to the orders of the CERC.

CERC has also allowed NTPC to charge 5% of capacity charge in

every bill as development surcharge to meet the requirement of funds for enhanced capacity addition. NTPC has not taken into account the earning which it would get from this surcharge while estimating the reduction in revenue.

Any reduction of tariff due to enhanced efficiency norms will benefit the SEBs. Loss to SEBs can come from the unscheduled interchanges (UI) charges, which are leviable in the event of failure of SEB to maintain grid discipline. If SEBs maintain grid discipline, they will not be required to pay UI charges.

Evacuation due to Hydro-Electric Projects

1130. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hydro-clcctric projects in operation and also the projects under construction in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total land area occupied by each of the project;

(c) the number of families subjected to evacuation from the land areas of these projects, project-wise;

(d) whether it is true that majority of the families were not provided alternate rehabilitation facilities; and

(e) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Providing drinking water to displaced persons of Bhakhra Dam

†1131. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh has formulated any scheme to lift water from Bhakhra Beas Management Board's

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.